



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Robert N. Hamlin

Our Docket No. 910458.CDP

For : MULTILAYER EXTRUSION
OF ANGIOPLASTY BALLOONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER RULE 1.62 (FWC)

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits of the above-identified United States patent application filed under Rule 1.62 (FWC), kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 42-58, without prejudice, and substitute new claims 59-79 for them.

59. A method of forming a multi-layer expander member and attaching the expander member to an intravascular catheter body comprising the steps of:

- (a) co-extruding an outer layer and an inner layer, wherein the outer layer consists essentially of a polymeric film exhibiting high tensile strength and low distensibility, and an inner bonding layer consisting essentially of a